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FROM US REP MBFR

EO: 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: DRAFT THEMES STATEMENT ON UNDIMINISHED SECURITY FOR THE  
FLANKS

1. THE AHG ON NOV. 2 AGREED ON FOLLOWING TEXT TO BE DELIVERED BY  
GREEK REP AT NOM. 6 MBFR PLENARY FOLLOWING INITIAL THEMES PRESEN-  
TATION BY DUTCH REP QUARLES.

2. BEGIN TEXT. AMBASSADOR QUARLES HAS PUT FORWARD CERTAIN BA-  
SIC THOUGHTS REGARDING THE PRINCIPLES OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY.  
IN THIS CONTEXT I WOULD WISH TO AMPLIFY THE POINT HE SPECIFICALLY  
MADE ON THE SECURITY OF THE FLANK COUNTRIES WHICH ARE PARTICIPA-  
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TING IN A SPECIAL STATUS.

3. AS IT HAS BEEN AGREED, THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS WILL FOCUS ON MUTUAL REDUCTION OF FORCES AND ARMAMENTS AND ASSOCIATED MEASURES IN CENTRAL EUROPE. FLANK COUNTRIES, WHICH HAVE NO FORCES OR TERRITORY IN CENTRAL EUROPE, ARE OUTSIDE THE AREA OF POSSIBLE REDUCTIONS AND ARE NOT PARTICIPANTS IN THE FUTURE REDUCTIONS AGREEMENTS.

4. HOWEVER THE SECURITY OF THE FLANK COUNTRIES, AND I AM SURE THAT THIS VIEW IS SHARED BY ALL THE COUNTRIES AROUND THIS TABLE, IS INTIMATELY LINKED TO THE SITUATION IN CENTRAL EUROPE. IT WAS THEREFORE WITH PROFOUND SATISFACTION THAT WE ACCEPTED THE AGREEMENT REACHED IN THE PREPARATORY TALKS IN VIENNA ON THE PRINCIPLE OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY FOR ALL 19 PARTICIPANTS AND FOR THE OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES NOT PARTICIPATING IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

5. WHAT NOW WE NEED IS TO ENSURE THAT TENSIONS WOULD NOT SIMPLY BE SHIFTED TO THE FLANKS AS A RESULT OF REDUCTIONS IN THE CENTER AND THEIR SECURITY SHOULD REMAIN UNDIMINISHED IF NOT ENHANCED.

6. WE ARE THEREFORE CONFIDENT THAT THE PARTICIPANTS IN FORGING OUT THE AGREEMENTS WILL STRICTLY ADHERE TO THIS AGREED PRINCIPLE OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY AND THAT THEIR DECISIONS WILL IN FACT ENSURE THAT THE SECURITY OF THE SPECIAL PARTICIPANTS WILL NOT BE DIMINISHED BY ANY AGREEMENT CONCERNING CENTRAL EUROPE.

7. THE WESTERN FLANK COUNTRIES WILL FOLLOW CLOSELY THE NEGOTIATIONS AND WILL NOT FAIL TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DISCUSSIONS IN ALL FORA AS THE NEED ARISES CONSTRUCTIVELY AND IN A SPIRIT OF GOOD WILL. END OF TEXT.HUMES

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